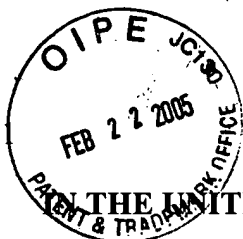


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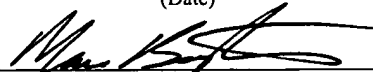
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed October 20, 2004, Applicants present the following Amendments and Remarks..

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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